

Application No.: 09/981840

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Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-30 and 37-39 are pending in this application.

Claims 4-7 and 19-21 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended.

Claims 2-3 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Regarding the § 102 Rejections

Applicant submits that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections of claims 1, 2, 8, 13-17, 22, and 27-30 have been addressed through amendments based on the Examiner's objections to the claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of canceled claims 2 and 3. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication in the official action that claim 3 would be allowable if written in independent form. Claims 8-16 depend from claim 1, and are respectfully submitted to also be allowable.

Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the elements canceled claim 18. Again, applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication in the official action that claim 18 would be allowable if written in independent form. Claims 18-30 depend from claim 17, and are therefore also submitted to be allowable.

Regarding the § 103 Rejections

Applicant submits that the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections of claims 9-12 and 23-26 have been addressed by the amendment of the base claims and that claims 9-12 and 23-26 are therefore allowable.

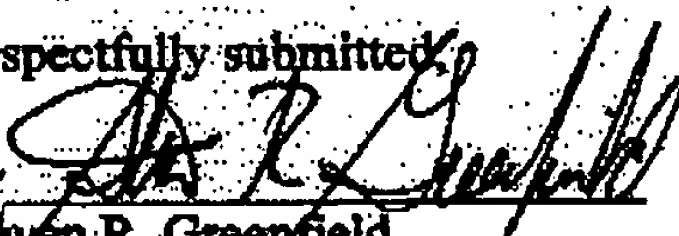
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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